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'Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust and
lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people. '

Psalm 113:5-8



'For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. '

Romans 8:15-17

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All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever. '

Isaiah 40:6-8

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,
but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust
destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. '

Matthew 6:19-21

'Again I tell you,
it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” '

Matthew 19:24

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<u>Life</u> is found in our **<u>belonging</u>** to Jesus

' Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. '

Psalm 73:25

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I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.
Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—
and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2nd Timothy 4:7-8

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'We love because he first loved us. '

1 John 4:19

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Our **endurance** is the demonstration of our love for Jesus.



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v16 - *'Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. '*

- "beloved"

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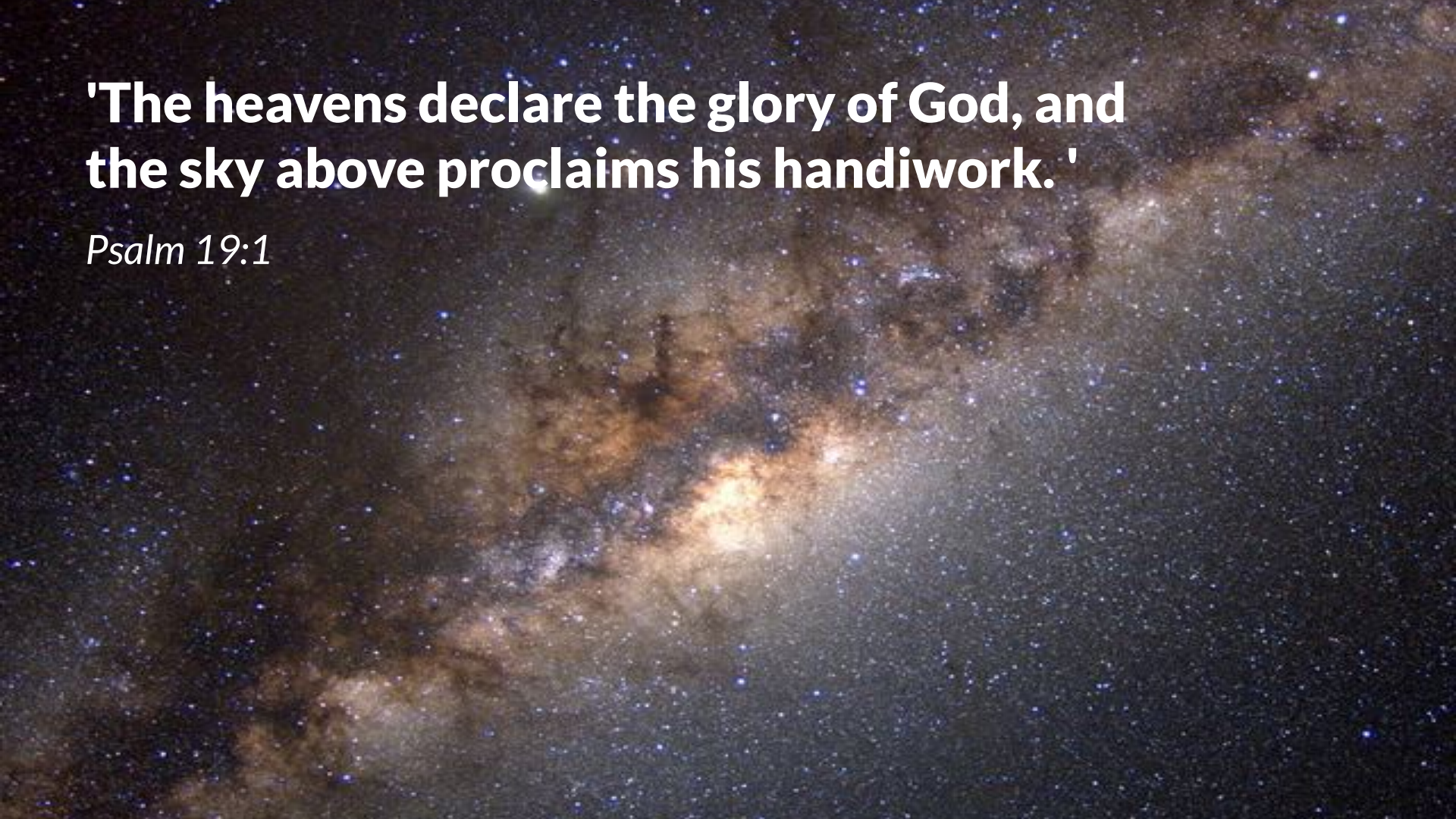
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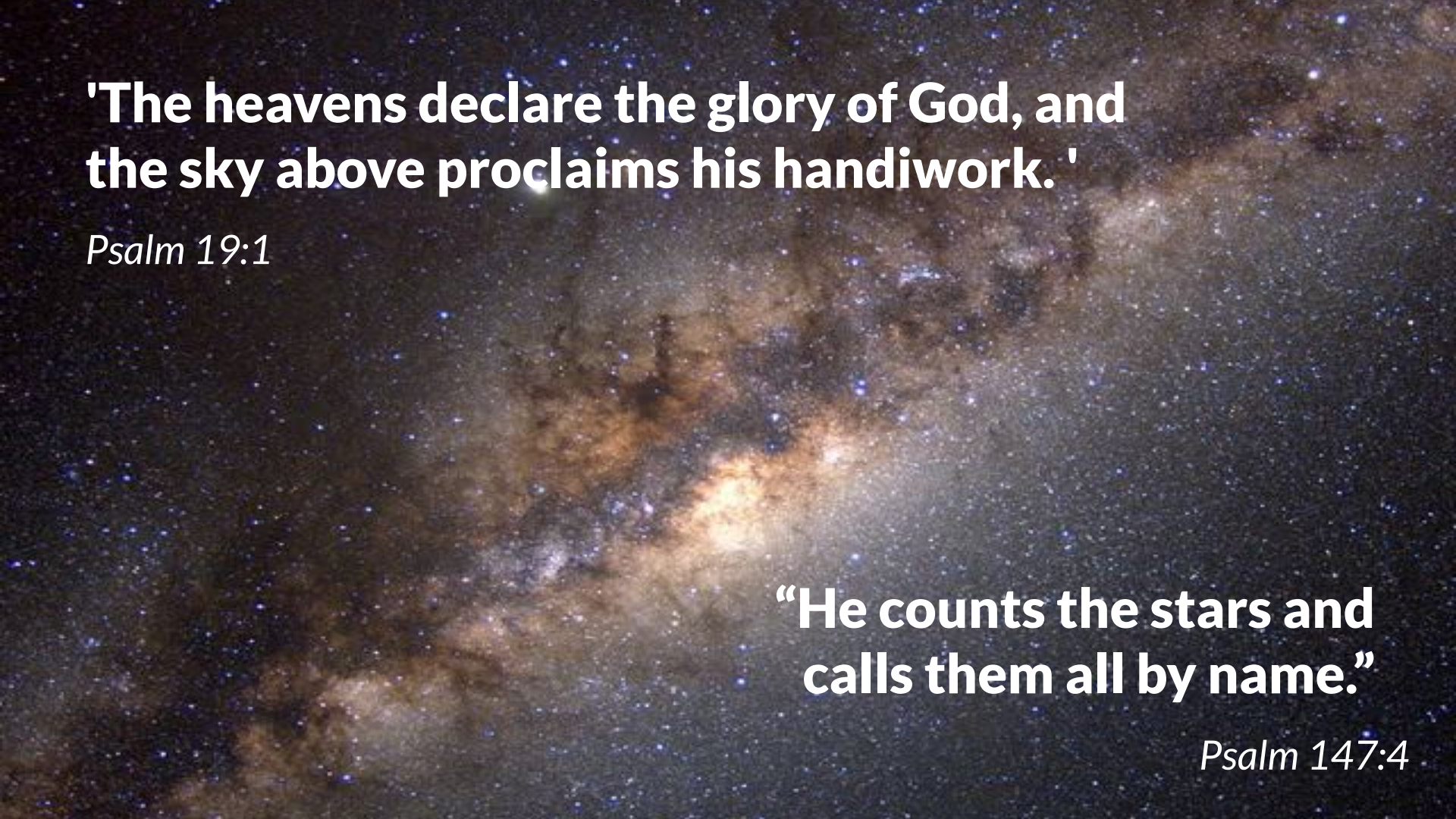
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“He counts the stars and calls them all by name.”
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It is by His **good will** that He produces **endurance** in us.